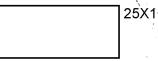
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 General Graf has been put in charge of all Seviet schools for the training of the German "Preiheitsarmee". In this organisation Lt. Col. Hartmann, famous ex-Luftmaffe pilot, heads several squadrons; Col. van Hoven heads the Signal Corps; and Lt. Col. I. G. Lewiss-Lietzmann is prominent in the Air Force section. (No date giveno)

efforts to recruit German PWs for a German unit of the Red Army were helted in May 1945. Such enlistments were voluntary and no Germans were accepted for the Red Army proper.

Comments A memorandum of 17 July 1946 elaimed that "about 7,000 German officers in the USBR, under the leadership of von Seydlits and von Daniels, are trickling back into Germany, where they receive important posts in the German administration. It is runered that they may be used to form a German Red Army." This last remark appears to reflect another report of late May: "German units of the Red Army ... are reported smeng the Russian troops being transferred from bohomia-Moravia to Germany, and especially, to Saxeny." This report also commented on an item of April 1946 which suggested the presence of Germans in Seviet units in the Frankfurt and Odor River areas. Formations were said to be maned Division Liebknocht, Brigade Thilmann, etc.

teld of Bussian officers' efforts to recruit Wehrmacht officers and Magis for service in Russia or Mastern Germany with a German Preiheistsarmoe.

James Riddleberger, Chief CE, State 15 August 1946

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